

# THE BAYIT BULLETIN

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Weekly Edition

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## Kiddush

For a list of the January Birthday Kiddush sponsors see box to the right.

To sponsor a Kiddush, please contact Seth Aronson - [kiddush@hir.org](mailto:kiddush@hir.org).

## This Week

### Shabbat Parshat Yitro

- Candle Lighting: 4:37pm
- Mincha/Kabbalat Shabbat: 4:40pm
- Tefillat Shalom Bayit: 7:00am (LL BM)
- Shacharit - Main Tefillah: 8:30am
- Sephardic Tefillah: 8:30am (2nd FL BM)
- Learning Service: 9:30am (LH SH)
- Sof Zman Kriat Shema: 9:42am
- Parsha Shiur: 3:55pm (Main Sanctuary)
- Mincha (Main/Sephardic): 4:25pm
- Seuda Shlishit: 4:50pm (Social Hall)
- Listening Room: 4:50pm (LL BM)
- Maariv/Shabbat Ends: 5:41pm

## Weekday Times

- Shacharit:  
Sun: 8:30am  
Mon: 8:30am (MLK Day)  
Tues/Wed/Fri: 6:45, 8:15am  
Thurs: 6:40, 8:15am
- Mincha/Maariv all week: 4:45pm

## Next Week

### Shabbat Parshat Mishpatim Shabbat Mevarchim

- Candle Lighting: 4:45pm
- Mincha/Kabbalat Shabbat: 4:50pm
- Shacharit - Main Tefillah: 8:30am
- Mincha: 4:30pm
- Maariv/Shabbat Ends: 5:49pm



שבת שלום!

## Wishing Mazal Tov to:

**Ilana & Simmy Kustanowitz** on the birth of a daughter. To grandparents Malka Edelman and **Rabbi Moshe Edelman** and Al Kustanowitz. To big sisters **Julia** and **Ella**.

**Adrienne Cooper** and Arthur Adler and to **Ayelet & Jonathan Wiener** on the marriage of their children **Naomi Cooper** and **Ardon Wiener**.

## This Shabbat @ The Bayit

**DRASHA with Rav Steven:** "Musings from Moscow: Reflections on a Whirlwind Tour of the Jewish Community in the Former Soviet Union"

**JANUARY BIRTHDAY KIDDUSH:** The January Birthday Kiddush is sponsored by: Roberta & Bernard Horowitz in honor of our granddaughter Star Binyamin's 6th birthday; The Bar-Shai family in honor of Tzvi Bar-Shai's 65th birthday; Marvin Stiglitz in honor of his birthday; Ann, James, Gavri, & Sarit in honor of Rami's 5th birthday; Michelle Cutler in honor of Alan Cutler and Annette Cutler's birthdays; Carole & Sy Oshinsky in honor of grandchildren David Lee, Shira Leah and Naomi Hadassah's birthdays, and son Ari's birthday; Stephanie Nussbaum & Michael Kress in honor of Yael Kress' birthday; The Paikin Family in honor of Zvi Paikin's birthday; Simmy Kustanowitz in honor of Ilana Kustanowitz's birthday; Evie & Frankie Torkin in honor of their parents Risa & Jeff's birthdays; Fleur Levitz & Ian Christner in honor of Benjamin Christner's birthday; Ruth Licht in honor of Carolyn & Howard Grabow's anniversary - Happy anniversary!

**SEUDA SHLISHIT- 4:50pm: Co-sponsored by Susan & Jonathan Dzik** for the Yahrzeits of their mothers Celia Wincelberg and Genevieve Dzik and by **Karen Jordan** in commemoration of her mother Mollie Nogue's Shloshim. During Seuda Shlishit Jonathan Dzik will speak on the topic: "Al ken ya'zov ish et aviv v'imo" ("Therefore shall a man leave his father and mother")



## This SUN., JAN. 19, 9:30am - "KADDISH: A PRAYER OR A PRAISE" Shiur with Rabbi Menachem Leibtag in memory of Paul Blank z"l

Rabbi Menachem Leibtag, founder of the Tanach Study Center [www.tanach.org](http://www.tanach.org), is an internationally acclaimed bible scholar and pioneer of Jewish Education on the internet. His essays on Parshat ha'Shavua reflect his vibrant thematic-analytical approach, blending the methods of modern scholarship with traditional approaches. A rebbe at Yeshivat Har Etzion, Rabbi Leibtag also teaches at Yeshivat Shaalavim, Midreshet Lindenbaum, and Matan Raanana.

*Sponsored by the Blank family in loving memory of Paul Blank z"l.  
Light breakfast by Silverleaf Catering will be served after the shiur.*



## DR. MARTIN LUTHER KING JR. CONCERT @ HIR



JOIN US FOR OUR ANNUAL DR. MARTIN LUTHER KING JR. CONCERT,  
**THIS MON., JAN. 20 AT 7:00PM.**  
AN EVENING OF INSPIRATIONAL SONG WITH REVEREND ROGER HAMBRICK AND THE GREEN PASTURES BAPTIST CHURCH CHOIR.

*Featuring the Kinneret Day School Choir, under the direction of Brian Gelfand.*

## Next Shabbat @ The Bayit

**SCHOLAR-IN-RESIDENCE Rabbi Natan Slifkin. Jan., 24-25th.** Rabbi Slifkin will be speaking three times over Shabbat. Learn more about the "Zoo Rabbi" at his website [www.zootorah.com](http://www.zootorah.com). First talk will be at an Oneg on Friday night (free, RSVP requested). Don't feel like walking home and back? Join us for a delicious Friday Night dinner catered by Gemstone (reservations required) and stay for dessert and Oneg.

Visit [www.thebayit.org/zoorabbi](http://www.thebayit.org/zoorabbi) to make dinner reservations, sponsor the weekend and RSVP to the Oneg Shabbat. Rabbi Slifkin will deliver the following talks:

- **The Evolution of Orthodoxy & the Making of Charedim (Friday night)**
- **The Animal Kingdom in Jewish Thought (Shabbat Morning)**
- **Radically Rethinking Organ Donation (Shabbat Afternoon, 5:00pm)**



**CARLEBACH TEFILLAH - 9:00am:** Join us for raucous davening, singing & dancing with Noah Solomon in the Lower Level Beit Midrash. Kiddush to follow. Questions? Email [hbroder@gmail.com](mailto:hbroder@gmail.com).

## This Week's Classes @ the Bayit

**Daf Yomi with Rabbi Dov Linzer** meets 7:30am - 8:30am Sun. - Fri. and Shabbat after Mincha in Room 3-7. Open and accessible to all. Join this group and experience Tractate Yoma and beyond!

### Shabbat

8:05am - Midrash Hashavua with Rav Steven (Main Sanctuary)

3:55pm - Parsha Shiur with Rav Steven (Main Sanctuary)

4:50pm - Listening Room with Myra Estelle (LL BM)

### Monday - Martin Luther King Jr. Day

6:30pm - Free Hebrew Crash Course with Sara Kinberg  
(Not meeting this week due to MLK Concert)\*

7:30pm - Brotherly Love: The Story of David and Jonathan with Rav Avi (Not meeting this week due to MLK Concert)

8:00pm - Advanced Hebrew Ulpan with Sara Kinberg  
(Not meeting this week due to MLK Concert)\*

8:30pm - Advanced Talmud: Topics in the Laws of Mourning with Rabbi Jeff Fox (at David Mann's Home. Email [rebjeff@gmail.com](mailto:rebjeff@gmail.com) to attend)

### Tuesday

10:00am - Bereishit: The Genesis Narrative with Rav Avi

11:00am - Sefer Devarim: Power, Courage and Faith with Rabba Sara (Lobby)

7:30pm - Foundations of Judaism: Discovering Ourselves with Rabba Sara (Session 12: Niddah and Sexuality)

### Wednesday

7:30pm - Intermediate Hebrew Ulpan with Sara Kinberg (Lobby)\*

### Thursday

10:00am - Book of Shmuel with Rav Steven (LL BM)

7:30pm - Biblical Hebrew and Siddur Study with Sara Kinberg (Room 3-3)\*

### Friday

7:25am - Tractate Megillah with Rav Steven (LL Lobby)

\* Sara Kinberg is an experienced Hebrew teacher. For info and guidance on placement, please call Sara at 718-548-2461. Payment made directly to the teacher.

**Do you know someone who needs any of the following?  
Would you like to volunteer for any of these committees?**

#### Meals For Ill Members:

Jackie Binstock - 718-543-9135, [jacalyn.binstock@gmail.com](mailto:jacalyn.binstock@gmail.com).

**Shiva:** We are looking to grow this committee. Please contact [ravsteven@thebayit.org](mailto:ravsteven@thebayit.org).

#### Home or Nursing Home Visits or Telephone Calls:

Rivka Haut: 718-543-1072, [rivkahaut@yahoo.com](mailto:rivkahaut@yahoo.com)

Ruth Licht: 718-796-3491, [ruth.licht@verizon.net](mailto:ruth.licht@verizon.net)

#### Meals for New Mothers:

Mazal tov to Aimee & Jonathan Baron on the birth of twins! For info on meals for new moms please contact Shuli in the office: [shuli@thebayit.org](mailto:shuli@thebayit.org).

**Hospitality and Welcome:** [hirwelcome@gmail.com](mailto:hirwelcome@gmail.com)

**Bayit Band:** [lamelle.ryman@gmail.com](mailto:lamelle.ryman@gmail.com)

## POP-UP TEXAS KOSHER BBQ @ THE BAYIT:



The next installment of the Wandering Que, NYC's only Kosher BBQ Pop-up will be at the Bayit:

**Sunday, Jan. 26th: 12:00 PM - 9:00 PM**

**Monday, Jan. 27th: 4:00 PM - 9:00 PM**

Catered by Ari White, **Gemstone Catering**.  
A portion of the proceeds will benefit the Bayit.

For additional info and menu click here:

[www.thebayit.org/que](http://www.thebayit.org/que)

## Happenings @ the Bayit

**ABRAHAM & SARAH'S TENT:** Join us for our open communal dinner. To see which Shabbatot are available for sponsorship and to choose your week go to [www.thebayit.org/tent](http://www.thebayit.org/tent) or contact James Lapin at [tent@hir.org](mailto:tent@hir.org).

**HIR CHOIR 2014:** The H.I.R. Community Choir resumes on **Wed. evening, Jan. 29th** at 7:30pm. All members--past, present and future--are invited to attend. Concerts are planned for the spring. For more information, contact director Jonathan Dzik at [JFDzik326@aol.com](mailto:JFDzik326@aol.com) or at (718) 549-8520.

**KINNERET DAY SCHOOL APPEAL @ THE BAYIT:** On Shabbat, Feb. 1, Kinneret parent Elliot Rabin and Kinneret 7th grader Benjamin Rudoy will speak about Kinneret Day School and its current capital campaign and plans for expansion. Please join us to learn more about this important and historical Riverdale Jewish institution.

**BAYIT SHAPED PUSHKAS NOW AVAILABLE @ THE SHUL OFFICE:** We are once again offering Bayit shaped pushkas for tzedaka. The pushkas are reusable. They can be emptied out at the shul office and taken back home for additional collections. If you would like to give tzedaka and would like to give to the Bayit, please drop by the shul office to pick one.

**HELP ISRAELI SOLDIERS:** Adi Finkelstone (son of Jonny and Karen, who lived in Riverdale for several years) is an IDF soldier serving in a Nahal unit that is not outfitted with fleece jackets necessary to protect soldiers from the cold. Army regulations allow soldiers to receive these jackets only if the entire unit is outfitted with them. We are raising \$12,000 to underwrite the cost of the jackets for the entire unit. Please give generously. Checks may be made out to the HIR Rabbinic Discretionary Fund. Please insert "Nachal 50" into the memo portion of the check. If you have any questions please contact Steve Pretsfielder [spretsfelder@vanwagner.com](mailto:spretsfelder@vanwagner.com).

**BAYIT SEFARIM FUND:** Donations to the Sefarim fund will be used to purchase the books we need as determined by the rabbinic team and gabbaim. Donors will be recognized with a thank you in the 2nd bulletin of every month and a dedication label in the book that is purchased. To donate visit our website at [www.thebayit.org/sefarim](http://www.thebayit.org/sefarim).

**BUSINESS ADVERTISING IN THE BAYIT BULLETIN:** Promote your business to Bayit Bulletin readers in the first bulletin of every month.

### Niddah Refresher, Sexuality, and Relationships

PART 2: Sunday Night, January 26<sup>th</sup>,  
8:00-9:30pm

Room 3-3. For Women Only!

"Harchakot and Laws of Sexuality, Intimacy Part 2"

Part two of this series will continue to review some practical laws of niddah and sexuality, as well as provide a comfortable and private space to learn about sexual desire, arousal, and pain during intercourse.

Co-taught by Rabba Sara Hurwitz & Dr. Bat Sheva Marcus, LMSW, MPH Clinical Director of The Medical Center for Female Sexuality.

### UPCOMING EVENTS

**Sunday, February 2, 2:00pm-4:00pm Support Our Troops Day** program with Rabbinic Intern Dan Millner LTJG, CCPO USN

**Sunday, February 2, 6:00pm-9:00pm Super Bowl Party**  
See details on page 4.

**Sunday, February 9, 5:45pm Lone Soldier Center.** Learn about the work of the Michael Levin z"l Lone Soldier Center helping IDF soldiers with no family in Israel and how your support will make a difference.

**Saturday night, March 1, 7:00pm:** Melava Malka and Post-Nuptial Agreement Signing Party. Details to follow.

**Saturday night, March 8, 8:00pm:** Guest Lecture by Jerusalem Post Legal Affairs Correspondent Jeremy Bob: "Iran, Syria, WMDs and the Legality of Preemptive Strikes"



# HIR YOUTH DEPARTMENT 2013-14



**Calling all Riverdale kids! The Bayit is the place to be!**

**Be a part of it! Please register your child and become a youth member today!**

## FRIDAY NIGHT GROUPS!



**with Shayna & Yakira**  
Free Play, Tefillah, Torah, Activity, Kiddush & Snacks  
4:55-5:55pm  
Meets in Social Hall  
Pickup in Main Lobby

## THIS SATURDAY NIGHT PAJAMA PARTY @ THE SHUL!

Join friends for ICE CREAM SUNDAYS, MOVIE in the lounge & MUSICAL HAVDALA with The Bayit Band (Families welcome)  
**ALL in our PAJAMAS!!!**  
\$10/child; \$18/2 children (\$25/family)  
6:45-9:00pm  
(Drop-off for ages 5-11)

## THIS SUNDAY BNEI AKIVA

Presents:  
**TU b'Shevat Celebration with SHESHTUS GAME SHOW**  
4:00-6:00pm @ HIR  
**PRIZES, SNACKS & GUARANTEED FUN!**  
\$7/child  
RSVP with  
**HILA & ZOHAR at riverdaleba@gmail.com**

## SAVE THE DATES!

### MOVIE, SMOOTHIES & FREE PLAY!

Join friends for active free play, featuring indoor hockey, arcade basketball, bouncy house and more, as well as snacks, fruit smoothies & a theater style movie!  
\$10/child (\$18/2 children)

1:00-3:30pm on Sundays for ages 5-10

**DATEs: January 26, February 9 & 16\*** (\*10:30-1pm)

### Monthly Thursday Night Mishmar

4:00pm: Active Free Play with Bouncy House, Hockey/Basketball  
4:45pm: Dinner (hot dogs, veggies & Fries) & Dvar with Rav Steven  
5:15pm: Torah Discussion with Arts & Crafts with Menachem  
\$10/child (\$18/2 children) 6:45-9:00pm

**DATE: February 6, March 6**

## Annual YACHAD SHABBATON!



Join friends as we welcome our friends of Rayim Yachad. Always a big hit, there are many ways to participate:

- Host guests to sleep and/or eat
- Join the communal Kiddush/lunch
- Join communal Seudah Shelishit

**Sponsorship needed.**

Thank you for your support!

**DATE: February 7-8**

Visit [www.thebayit.org/yachad](http://www.thebayit.org/yachad) to sign up!

## New season of AFTER SCHOOL TUESDAYS TORAH & LOUNGE With Menachem!

**3:45pm**- Tefillah & Torah for beginners (supporting children with limited Hebrew skills)

**4:20pm** - Lounge time for all (XBox 360 with Kinect, Billiards, Ping Pong along with snacks)

**5:00pm** - Torah for all (inclusive learning of week's Torah portion)

**5:30pm** - Pickup

\$5 suggested per child

## ANNUAL PRESIDENT'S WEEK

### MID-WINTER CAMP @ THE BAYIT

**Drop kids off for a day of fun @ The Bayit!**

Bouncy House, Arcade Basketball, Indoor Hockey, Xbox 360, Baking, Tefillah with Menachem & Torah with Rav Steven, Pool, Ping Pong, Foosball, and so much more!

Hot Lunch & Snacks Included!

9:00-4:00pm

**DATEs: February 12 & 18**

Visit [www.thebayit.org/wintercamp](http://www.thebayit.org/wintercamp) for a sample schedule and to register!

1st child - \$60; 2nd child - \$50; 3rd child - \$40

**EARLY BIRD:** child 1; \$50; child 2; \$45; child 3; \$40

## Nursery-Kindergarten

TU b'Shevat Story, Tefillah and seder with Abby & Menachem!  
Approximately 10:00am

# SHABBAT Morning Groups!

## SPECIAL TU b'SHEVAT FRUIT SNACKS

There is **NO SPONSOR** for snacks this Shabbat. Would you please sponsor this week? Contact Menachem for more info. Thank you!

Room 3-4: NURSERY  
Room 3-5: Pre-K  
Room 3-6: Kindergarten



**Shabbat Morning Groups:**  
3rd Floor Youth Wing  
9:30-11:30am



Room 3-1 & 3-2: GRADES 3-5  
Room 3-3: GRADES 1-2

## TOT SHABBAT

Tot Shabbat is led by nationally acclaimed, Carmiya Weinraub  
TS meets @ 10:30am,  
Lower Level Bet Midrash  
(9:30am: Open Play)

## TU b'Shevat Seder

All children are welcome to join Rav Steven & Menachem for a musically interactive seder, filled with Israeli delicacies & brachot!

## TU b'Shevat Puppet Play

Children Grades 2-6 will be performing a TU b'Shevat puppet play for ages 3-5 at approximately 11:00am!

## Teen Lounge

Teens welcome to come hang out in the lounge for Kiddush and games.  
11:00am-1:00pm

## Have YOU Joined the PJ Library Yet?

The PJ Library at HIR provides free Jewish children's books and music to families in the Riverdale area.

It's easy to enroll! Go to [www.pjlibrary.org/ny/HIR](http://www.pjlibrary.org/ny/HIR) Sign up and share news of this program with your friends and neighbors with young children! For more info contact Shuli in the HIR office at 718-796-4730 x102.

**Stay tuned for special PJ events being planned for this year!**



## For Assistance, Please Contact:

**Menachem Menchel,**

Director of Youth Education & Programming  
Office - 718-796-4730 ext. 119

Cell - 516-233-8285

[menachem@thebayit.org](mailto:menachem@thebayit.org)




**Chessed Opportunities:**

**DONATIONS FOR THE BAYIT'S NURSING ROOM:** In an attempt to beautify and better equip our Nursing Room, we are asking for your help. If you have left-over disposable diapers or wipes that your child is not using any more, please consider donating them to us for our Nursing Room. Please drop off your donations with Yael at the shul office. Questions? Email [yael@thebayit.org](mailto:yael@thebayit.org).




**RECYCLE/DONATE YOUR OLD EYEGLASSES AND CELLPHONES:** There is a collection box in the coat room under the back table. Glasses will be given to the Lions Club ([www.lionsclub.org](http://www.lionsclub.org)). Cell phones will be given to My Sister's Place ([www.mspny.org](http://www.mspny.org)).

 **Social Worker @ The Bayit:** Questions about an aging loved one, financial pressures, concerns about children? Contact HIR social worker Anna Kirshblum for guidance, information, referrals and a sympathetic ear. There is no fee and all conversations are strictly confidential. Anna can be reached on Mon. 8:00am - 4:00pm, Tues. 8:00am - 8:00pm and Thurs. 8:00am - 8:00pm at 718-601-9714 or e-mail her at [akirshblum@jbfcs.org](mailto:akirshblum@jbfcs.org). (In partnership with UJA & JBFCS)

**POTS Teens Chessed Opportunity**

Attention Riverdale Teens... Volunteers needed at POTS (Part of the Solution) dinning room one Sunday a month. We leave from HIR at 11:45am and return at approximately 4:00pm. Contact Samantha Verrone: [sverrone@mac.com](mailto:sverrone@mac.com), 917-885-4542 to sign up. Upcoming date are: 2/9, 3/23, 4/6, 5/11, 6/8.



 **HIR GIFT CARDS** - Support our Bayit by purchasing Gift Cards - Buy it for the Bayit! For more information on volunteering or to place an order, email [giftcard@hir.org](mailto:giftcard@hir.org) or call Shira Gordon at 718-549-5280.

**BAYIT HERITAGE FUND**

Thank you to the founding contributors to the Bayit Heritage Fund. Together we have already raised over \$100,000 to invest in our Bayit's future: Sharon Koren & Matthew Cohen, Lauren & Jack Gorman, Sandra Drozen Braverman Memorial Fund, Sharon & Michael Kaplowitz, Amy Koplow, Barbara Estrin & Berel Lang, Nancy & Dov Lerea, Yocheved & Donald Liss, Kenneth Perry, Shani & David Schwartz, Ronn Torrossian in memory of Penny Waga, Lynn & Jeff Zadoff.

**CHARITABLE GIFT ANNUITY**

The Bayit is pleased to partner with UJA-Federation to offer our members the opportunity to invest in a charitable gift annuity. When you do so, you receive guaranteed income for life, a potential immediate tax deduction, and possible future tax savings. Ultimately, the Bayit will receive 90% of the remainder value, while 10% will go to UJA-Federation to support its efforts for the entire Jewish community and to help cover the administrative costs of the program. For more information, including sample annuity rates, please contact the Bayit office.



**Super Bowl XLVII Party & Raffle Sunday, Feb. 2nd, 2014**

This will be a family friendly atmosphere and fun for all. Cost: \$10/person; \$25/family.

Bring another person and you each save a dollar on a raffle ticket!! Raffle tickets are 1 for \$5 or 4 for \$18. Place your tickets in either our AFC or NFC pool. The winner will be picked from whichever team's pool wins the game. Each ticket may be placed in either pool. You don't need to be present to win. E-mail [tent@hir.org](mailto:tent@hir.org) for more information.

Sign up online at [www.thebayit.org/superbowl](http://www.thebayit.org/superbowl)

**Sign up for GrapeVine today!**

GrapeVine is a new website, weekly email and mobile app that connects you with a personalized list of experiences throughout NY. If you like how Netflix predicts which movies you'll enjoy, and how Amazon recommends products, you'll love how GrapeVine suggests Jewish programs and content just for you! The Bayit is using GrapeVine to promote our programs, so now you can keep up with our special events from anywhere using your mobile device. Sign up at <http://www.grapevine.com> or download the mobile app by visiting <http://app.grape-vine.com>.



**Annual YACHAD SHABBATON!**

**Shabbat, February 7-8**

Join friends as we welcome our special friends from Rayim Yachad and their special advisors! Always a big hit, there are many ways to participate:



Host Guests to sleep and/or eat Friday Night dinner

Join the communal Kiddush/lunch

Join the communal Seudat Shelishit

Offer sponsorship to offset costs of this important event

Lunch Reservations: \$20/adult; \$12/child; \$60/family / EARLY BIRD RATE - JAN. 24TH: \$18/adult; \$10/child; \$50/family / SPONSORSHIP NEEDED: \$500 - Leader; \$360 - Host; \$180 - Partner; \$100 - Friend.

All sponsorships welcome and appreciated! Sponsorships of \$100 and above entitles you to a family reservation.

This program is special for many reasons, but perhaps most important of all, it is special because it is unifying and inclusive, two great values of the Bayit.

Please join and enhance these wonderful plans!

Please visit [www.thebayit.org/yachad](http://www.thebayit.org/yachad) for more info!



*SAVE THE DATE: The Bayit's 40th Annual Dinner will take place on Sunday, June 15th, 2014.*

**THE BAYIT**

The Hebrew Institute of Riverdale – The Bayit – is an open Orthodox synagogue serving the entire Jewish community. The Hebrew Institute warmly embraces all Jews, regardless of affiliation, commitment, or background. It is affectionately known as the "Bayit," which is a home; a place of love and welcome. The HIR is known nationally for bringing spirituality into the synagogue, activism, youth and teen engagement, learning programs, and work on behalf of the elderly, the homebound, and those developmentally and physically challenged.

*If these words resonate with you, if our Bayit has touched your life, then please join our growing membership.*

## BEYOND THE BAYIT - January 17-24, 2014

**SermonSlam NYC - Wed., Jan., 22nd:** A poetry slam for sermons!! The theme for this event is "Sanctuaries and Tabernacles (Exodus 25-40)." Performances five minutes or less. If you're interested in slamming (interpret "sermon" as you see fit) or coming to experience (as enjoyed at SermonSlamPhilly and SermonSlamJerusalem) see [Facebook](#) (SermonSlam in NYC) or email [sermonslam@gmail.com](mailto:sermonslam@gmail.com) for details. Parts of previous events on YouTube and podcasts on [iTunes](#). (Jan. 22 at 7:30pm - Event to be held at Congregation Beth Elohim, 274 Garfield Place, Brooklyn, NY 11215)

**TURN YOUR KNOW-HOW INTO INCOME - Thurs., Jan 23rd at 5:30pm - 7:00pm:** The Thypin Oltchick Institute for Women's Entrepreneurship @ FEGS will host this program at Con Edison Main Auditorium, 4 Irving Place (Between E. 14th & 15th Sts.) New York, NY 10003. Many factors determine success when starting a business, but it helps to start with skills in an area you love and a little know-how. Meet and hear from four women who have launched a satisfying new business and life with know-how they adapted to create a business and a new life. Pre-registration required. To register go to: [www.yourfutureinbusiness.org](http://www.yourfutureinbusiness.org). For information call 212-366-0033.

**The VAN CORTLANDT JEWISH CENTER PRESENTS THE MURDER MYSTERY CO. in "OF SOUND MIND AND DEAD BODY"** - an interactive show including Kosher Chinese Buffet Lunch, Dessert and a fantastic Chinese Raffle on **Sun., Jan. 26th.** (11:00am: Chinese Raffle; 12:00pm: Chinese Buffet; 1:00pm: Interactive Murder Mystery Show; 3:00pm Coffee, Tea, Dessert & Raffle Drawings.) Cost is \$45 per person, discounts available for Seniors and Group Sales. For more information visit [www.vcjewishcenter.org](http://www.vcjewishcenter.org). For reservations call 718-884-6105. For online auction go to [www.biddingforgood.com/vcjc](http://www.biddingforgood.com/vcjc).

**"THE CASE OF THE BLUE TALLIT: FORMALISM AND MAXIMALISM IN JEWISH LAW":** Young Israel of Stamford located at 69 Oaklawn Avenue, Stamford, CT will host Elana Stein Hain, Community Scholar, Lincoln Square Synagogue. On **Sun., Jan. 26th,** 6:00pm - Light dinner followed by the lecture. Elana Stein Hain will speak about "The Case of the Blue Tallit: Formalism and Maximalism in Jewish Law." Free and open to the public. No charge. More info? Contact Michael Feldstein at [michaelfeldstein@gmail.com](mailto:michaelfeldstein@gmail.com).

**CARMEL ACADEMY PARLOR MEETING IN RIVERDALE:** Come find out why Carmel Academy is the premier Jewish day school in the Bronx, Westchester and Fairfield counties. Meet with Carmel's Head of School, Nora Anderson, and Carmel parents in a relaxed and informal setting. On **Mon., Jan. 27th,** 7:30pm - 8:00pm at 4670 Waldo Avenue. RSVP to [Daneet.Brill@Carmelacademy.com](mailto:Daneet.Brill@Carmelacademy.com).

**BABY BOOMERS - MAKE YOUR OWN NEW BUSINESS IDEA A REALITY:** New York Baby Boomers! If you've experienced unemployment or are currently underemployed and want to start your own business, but are not sure where to start, then please join the Hebrew Free Loan Society, in conjunction with the OU Job Board and UJA/Federation of NY, in a 13 week Kaufman Foundation Fast Track New Venture Entrepreneurship Program. This program will provide you with the expertise to succeed and realize your dreams. Learn more and sign up at [www.hfls.org/courses](http://www.hfls.org/courses) or call 212-687-0188. Limited space, register now! Courses start **Jan. 29th, 2014.**

**RIVERDALE RISING STARTS CELEBRATES OUR B'NAI MITZVAH:** In honor of this milestone all seats for our fall production of All Shook Up will be \$10 ONLY. Come and see these award-winning teens as they rock and roll to the music of Elvis Presley in this fun-filled, song-filled, dance-filled musical!! Show times: **Thurs., 1/30:** 7:30pm; **Sat., 2/1:** 8:00pm; **Sun., 2/2:** 2:00pm; **Thurs., 2/6,** 7:30pm; **Sat., 2/8:** 8:00pm; **Sun., 2/9:** 6:00pm. The Riverdale Y is located at 5625 Arlington Avenue. For tickets and more info call: 718-548-8200.

**SPRING INTO ACTION THIS MARCH WITH UJA'S WELLNESS MONTH:** UJA-Federation and Sports for Yough are excited to promote good health and wellbeing for our community and ourselves. Take advantage of a wide range of health and wellness events and opportunities to learn something new about this important topic. For more info contact Courtney Cohen at [cohenc@ujafedny.org](mailto:cohenc@ujafedny.org). A Kick-off event - **Family Fun Day 2014: Sweet Street** - will take place on **Sun., Mar. 2nd,** 11:30am - 2:30pm. Including Balloons, Carnival Booths, Games, Music, Prizes, Arts & Crafts, Sports, Mitzvah Projects, Face Painting. For more information or to register, please contact Nicole Fleishman at [Fleishmann@ujafedny.org](mailto:Fleishmann@ujafedny.org) or 212-836-1258.

**WOULD YOU LIKE TO HOST A YCT STUDENT FOR A SHABBAT?:** YCT is holding a Shabbaton for students and alumni on **Shabbat, March 21st - 22nd.** We are looking for hosts for sleeping accommodations only. Please contact Ruthie at 212-666-0036 or [rsimon@yctorah.org](mailto:rsimon@yctorah.org) if you are able to host.

**FREE CLASSES @ KCI:** Classes with Cantor Chaim Dubin will take place on Sundays at 10:00am - Tefillah/Halacha, and on Thursdays at 7:30pm - Parasha (meal provided). At Kingsbridge Center of Israel, 3115 Corlear Ave. All are welcome to attend. For more info please call 718-902-5101.

**RIVERDALE HATZALA MISHLOACH MANOT CARDS:** Purim is coming! Mishloach Manot Cards are available from Riverdale Hatzalah. Specialized cards are also available for all occasions. Please contact Charlotte Hammerman at 718-548-0599. SUPPORT HATZALAH IN ITS LIFE-SAVING WORK!

## BEYOND THE BAYIT - January 17-24, 2014

**NORPAC MISSION TO WASHINGTON:** On **April 30, 2014** you can take advantage of a rare opportunity to have private small group meetings and educate Members of Congress about the importance of a strong US-Israel relationship by advocating for Israel's security. Sign up now at [www.norpac.net](http://www.norpac.net) and take advantage of the \$50 early bird discount. Email David Frankel at [dfrs.frankel@verizon.net](mailto:dfrs.frankel@verizon.net) if you have any questions.

**REGISTRATION FOR CAMP GAN MIRIAM NOW OPEN:** Gan Miriam located at 3700 Independence Ave., 2nd Floor, is offering a six week summer camp for children ages 2-5. Sessions beginning **Mon., July 7th** and ending **Fri., Aug. 15th**. Early bird discount offered from now **until Fri. Feb. 7th**. For more information or to register please contact us: 718-543-2553 or email [ganrjc@gmail.com](mailto:ganrjc@gmail.com).

**SAFE AT HOME - THE HUDSON COMMUNITY PROJECT:** The YM&YWHA of Washington Heights/Inwood has collaborated with the Riverdale YM-YWHA, the Jewish Community Council of Washington Heights/Inwood, and the Hebrew Home at Riverdale to form The Hudson Community Project: Safe at Home. It combines agency resources, expands the geographic scope of our services, and streamlines the process. The result - seniors receive a more comprehensive selection of services aimed at helping maintain independence and make living at home more comfortable and secure. Services include: Case Management - Housing Advocacy - Kosher pantry - Kosher meals - Social Adult Day care - In-home support - Health Maintenance - Rehabilitation - Transportation. For more info contact: Sarah Leiner, MSW at 212-569-6200 x233.

**THREE EXCITING RAMAH SPECIALTY DAY CAMPS FOR SUMMER 2014:** Ramah Sport, Ramah Outdoors, and Ramah Performs are unique programs that combine specialized instruction with years of Ramah camping experience in a spirited environment where Judaism, Jewish values, and Hebrew language are integral to daily activities. Choose one or more specialty camp options either as part of a Ramah Nyack package or as a distinct experience. For dates, tuition, locations, and program descriptions, please visit [www.ramahnyack.org](http://www.ramahnyack.org). For questions contact Rabbi Ami Hersh, Assistant Director, Ramah Day Camp in Nyack at [ami@campramah.org](mailto:ami@campramah.org) or at 212-678-8884.

**DONATE SHOES TO CSAIR:** The Sisterhood of the Conservative Synagogue Adath Israel of Riverdale is collecting men's, women's and children's gently used shoes and sneakers. Contributions can be left Sunday-Friday in the Lower Lobby collection box of the shul, located at 475 W. 250 St. For questions contact Phyllis Schulberg at [hcspgs@optonline.net](mailto:hcspgs@optonline.net).



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